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The Russian Harvest Field

Bibles and Testaments Held for Duty.

A letter from Pastor O. R. Palmer, Director of the AMERICAN CHRISTIAN RELIEF MISSION, who is at present attending Bible conferences in Germany, states that duty has been paid and permission secured for the entry into Russia of 5,000 Bibles and 5,000 Testaments (2,000 of which are in Hebrew and Yiddish). Mr. Palmer asks that we send $500 at once for the release of the additional 11,000 Bibles and 28,000 Testaments at Reval waiting permission and the payment of duty.

Missionaries and colporteurs are in the field ready to distribute these Bibles and Testaments as soon as funds are available for their support.

The RUSSIA EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY asks its friends to pray that the necessary funds may be provided.

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MISSIONS IN EUROPE

THE RUSSIA EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY is interdenominational, and is thus under obligation to aid every true Christian work in the countries of Europe. All gifts are administered in the most economical manner, with small overhead expense.

The Evangelization work described in this magazine has been selected for presentation because it is believed to be in every case most sincere and worthy of recommendation.

The efforts of the RUSSIA EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY will be directed to aid existing evangelistic work, rather than to accumulate a large number of missionaries.

A sincere and earnest effort to encourage and support native missionaries who are responsible to a native church or denomination in their own country will do more to win souls for the Master than accumulating a large group of missionaries under our own name.

In Russia this Society sponsors the ALL-RUSSIAN UNION OF EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS, an organization having branches in all parts of the country. There is no more effective way to preach Christ in Russia than to support Rev. I. S. Prokhanoff and his coworkers in this great native Russian Evangelical Society.

In Finland we are supporting a missionary who works wholly among the Russian refugees, but he is closely in touch with the ALL-RUSSIAN UNION OF EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS. Recently over 2,000 of these refugees have returned to Russia, where many will be reached by the workers of the UNION.

In Austria the sincere and growing spiritual work of Pastor Monsky is most highly recommended. A good description of his work is given in this number of THE RUSSIAN HARVEST FIELD.

In Germany we recommend the RUSSIAN BIBLE SCHOOL conducted by Pastor Jack and Rev. J. Kroker, at Wernigerode. "They seek to carry the living power of the Gospel to the people of the vast Russian Empire," and we will be glad to receive funds to support individual students in their fundamentally sound Bible School. Only $150 is required to carry a student for a full year.

In Ukrania (Southern Russia) 900 children have been fed since Christmas and the Society has warm friends there who would welcome an Evangelistic work as soon as funds are provided for the purpose.

Bulgaria has for the past two years been the centre of a very active work led by Rev. Paul L. Mishkoff, a graduate of the MOODY BIBLE SCHOOL in Chicago. Recently our missionary work has been greatly enlarged by the necessity of bringing relief supplies to large numbers of starving Russians and Armenians who found refuge from the terrors of their home lands. A Bible Depot has also been opened at Philippopie, near the centre of Bulgaria, and our colporters are distributing hundreds of tracts, Testaments and Bibles daily. We seek funds to complete the purchase of 20,000 Bibles for distribution to those who are seeking the Light, including thousands of refugees from Russia, Armenia and Thrace.

You may designate what field you desire to have your gift placed in, and we will carry out your instructions implicitly. Please add 10 per cent. for expenses and 50c for THE RUSSIAN HARVEST FIELD, if you are not already a subscriber.

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The Mission Fields of Europe

Map Showing the Missionary and Relief Activities of the Russia Evangelization Society. A description of the work will be found on opposite page.

Missions in Volhynia.

Direct Reports from the Field, with Interesting Details of Travel and Labor Among the Needy Ones of Our Lord.

(Received too late for previous publication in the June number of THE RUSSIAN HARVEST FIELD. No magazine was issued in July.—EDITOR.)

Zdolbunovo, Volhynia,
April 26.

Russia Evangelization Society.

Dear brethren in the Lord:

Your letters were received and also the checks for $550, for which we sincerely thank you.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to His great love and mercy, has given us the good will of His children who live in the far distant lands. We have seen that the Lord's love toward you is great, and the Lord has extended it to us through you, dear brethren, by means of "the things which were sent from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God" (Phil. 4:18).

The money will be used according to your request: $250 to buy Bibles and Gospels, and also for the work of giving them out, in evangelization. We are sending you herewith an account of the purchase of books for free distribution, and will try to give you an account every month of the free distribution of books, and also a regular account of the quantity of separate Gospels given out, and the place where they are distributed. The remaining $300 was intended for missionary support.

We will soon send you a complete account of the aid rendered to evangelists who have received support.

The majority of the evangelists mentioned in the list are supported freely, that they may give their time to the work of preaching, and they will send in reports of their work for the account.

We believe that the funds which have been sent by you will be of the greatest help in furthering the work of evangelization by preaching among the Russian and Ukrainian population in Poland. May the name of our dear Lord be glorified through the work of His children who are in America, and throughout the whole world.

With sincere greetings, and love to you in the Lord, your brethren in Christ,

A. NICZYPORUK, *President.*
V. KAMENUK, *Treasurer.*
M. NICZYPORUK, *Secretary.*

Zdolbunovo, July 20, 1923.

Dear Brethren in Christ:

Peace be to you! First we must ask you to forgive us for not having written you any accounts during so long a time. The Russian workers have neglected to give us their accounts, and therefore it has been necessary to accustom them to this work, and to explain a great many things to them, as well as to collect the reports themselves. And then when we were anxious to hear from them, they were always obliged to go away on a journey. We hope to accustom them to the methods of reporting, and to hear from them at regular intervals. We are enclosing herewith accounts of funds, books and religious work. With sincere love, your brethren in Christ,

A. NICZYPORUK.
V. KAMENUK.

ACCOUNT OF SUPPLY OF BIBLES, NEW TESTAMENTS AND RELIGIOUS BOOKS

Sum received from the Russia Evangelization Society for books, given on April 15.....$250.00

	Books purchased	Books distributed
Bibles	361	71
New Testaments	684	121
Books: "The Lord Is Coming"	54	15
"Interpretation of the Bible"	238	32
"The Religious War"	130	25
"Pilgrim's Progress"	142	24
"General History"	130	23
Various religious booklets	253	56
Wall texts	52	52
"The Socialist and the Christian"	25	6
"Atheism and Faith"	25	7

Purchased for free distribution, 11,850; distributed, 6,000.

REPORT OF FINANCES

In addition to your sum of $250 we have received $95, so that we spent for books, $345 in all.

We have copies of the Holy Scriptures in the following languages: Russian, Ukrainian, Polish, German, Czech and Hebrew.

Disbursements of missionary funds received from the American Evangelization Society:

Rent of hall for prayer meetings, $25.00; Evangelists' traveling expenses, $10.00; Evangelists' salaries, $64.00.

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Reports from the Missionaries.

Brother Birul writes from Sarn in the Volhynia district.

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH.

In the city of Sarn I held 9 called meetings, 4 prayer meetings for believers, visited 2 families of unbelievers, 4 families of believers, 2 sick inquirers, some fallen people, talked with 4 believers for purposes of instruction, visited 6 villages and 5 rural districts to hold meetings, talked with believers, inquirers and unbelievers whom I met almost every day in the streets as well as in the houses, without number; traveled 120 versts by railway, 28 versts on horseback and 180 versts on foot.

From the 4th to the 8th of March in particular there was a great blessing of God with much joy, although there was a great deal of labor to be performed in connection with this. There was great exertion of body, but great joy for the spirit.

On the 4th of this month we had a meeting in the village of Netreba, 20 versts from the city of Sarn. We were very joyous and blessed. The large hall was so filled that there was not even room for people to stand around the walls or outside beneath the windows. All were very attentive, and quietly listened to the Word of God. We also held the communion service, and as we explained that we were fulfilling the command of the Lord, the people were very attentive, and seemed delighted with the simple truthfulness of the ordinance. In the Greek Catholic Church, to which the people belonged, the priests held the communion as a great mystery.

POOR SHOES IN A SNOW STORM

From the village of Netreba we went to the village of Kedro. By "we" I mean four brethren, three sisters and myself. The road was very bad; the snow melted like water. The snow and mire were very deep. The sisters, and two of the brethren also, wore bast shoes (sandals made of pieces of undressed leather, lined with bark). The distance was fourteen versts, and on such a terrible road, if it had not been for the Lord, we could not have passed for love or money. But the Lord gave us an intense desire, in spite of all inconveniences, to labor for the dear ones in His vineyard.

In the village of Kedro we also had a great blessing of God. A very large hall was filled with listeners, and many were not able to get inside. On the side of the people there was great attentiveness to the Word of God. The meeting continued until a late hour. The Lord gave us fruit—there were conversions; there were fervent prayers for blessing. The meeting closed with great joy; the people would not leave for a long time, but stayed to talk and seemed very well satisfied with everything. At five o'clock in the morning we also had a joyful meeting, and prayed for a boy who had been newly converted.

After the meeting and prayer we went to the village of Zwinia, four versts distant. Here, during the day, we held a meeting and prayed for the boy; then visited a brother who was sick. From there I went with Brother Dmitri Radchuk, of the vicinity of Stryelsky, to the village of Remchichi, about nine versts away. The road was very bad, and difficult to travel on, but the Lord helped us. We were a little late in beginning the meeting, but nevertheless it was a joyful one.

BARRED FROM THE CEMETERY

On the following day we received a letter informing us that a brother in the village of Zwinia had died (he was one of those whom we had visited). We returned to hold the burial service. While we were in the city, the enemy arose to tempt us. Through the agency of the village elders, he refused to allow us to enter the burial ground for the service.

There were gathered many old inhabitants of the village, who for fear of the priest forbade us to bury the body, and even ordered us not to use a grave which was already in readiness at the burial ground.

Then the brethren dug a grave on the property of the brother who had died, although many other people offered their land for the purpose of burial. They completed the making of the grave in the half-frozen earth, and set the hour of burial for that evening. The Lord blessed us wonderfully at the time of the funeral. *In the sermon it was told how the Son of God also had no place among His own people.* The Lord has commanded His people to be separate, and as Joseph commanded his brethren to carry his bones out of Egypt after his death, so our brother had been separated after death from the Egyptians. In the flesh our brother was dead, but his soul had returned to the Lord. Moreover, several people said that while he was living he had expressed a special desire to be buried where he now lay.

On the following day we returned to the village of Remchichi, where I gave several talks for the purpose of instruction, and from there went to the Stryelsky farmhouse, and from the farmhouse I went on alone, eighth versts, to Sarn. During four days I had traveled 82 versts on foot, over the worst roads imaginable. How wonderfully the Lord helped us!

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

In the city of Sarn I held 12 called meetings, and 7 prayer-meetings for believers, talked with 4 believers and 2 inquirers at the meetings, visited the houses

of 3 believers, 3 inquirers, 2 unbelievers and visited 1 sick person. Visited 4 villages and 2 rural districts and held meetings there. Talked with believers, inquirers and unbelievers, without number every day. Traveled 68 versts on foot.

On the third day of the Easter season, that is, on April 11th, we had a very joyful meeting at the Stryelsky farmhouse, and prayed for a boy who had been newly converted. Many people from the surrounding villages were gathered together; they were very attentive during the meeting, which closed with a fervent prayer to God for His blessing.

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY.

In the city of Sarn I held 9 called meetings and 4 prayer meetings for believers, talked with 3 believers and 3 inquirers. Visited 4 villages and held meetings there. Visited 3 believing families and 2 inquirers in their homes. Talked with indivdual persons without number. Traveled, in all, 196 versts by train, 8 versts on horseback and 84 versts on foot.

BAPTISM OF NEW CONVERTS

We had especial joy on the 19th and 20th of May. We received, by confession of faith and baptism in water, 36 souls, who entered into covenant relations with the Lord. For this work the Lord sent us two brethren from the city of Rovno, Brother Niczyporuk and Brother L. Shenderovsky, and with their help we received and baptized the people. Brother A. Niczyporuk preached.

The Lord blessed the congregation very greatly. There were about 300 men, both believers and inquirers. After the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, which was administered in the barn, as we had no other place large enough to hold the crowd, the Lord poured out a great blessing through the Holy Spirit. There was great joy for the children of God. The meeting closed with prayer.

On May 21 the brethren had a blessed meeting in Sarn, which joyously continued until a late hour. The talks with members of the congregation were especially gratifying. On May 22 they went on to Rovno. With love in Christ, your least brother in Christ, head of the work in Sarn and vicinity, BIRUL.

The expenditure in this missionary's work for the three months was not more than $30. Surely this is good stewardship of the funds entrusted to our brethren in Volhynia. —EDITOR.

THE EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

Zdolbunovo, June 10, 1923.

Dear Brethren:

I have recently visited several suburbs in the Klevan district, outside the city of Rovno, where I was invited by a sister who lives there. We gathered there, including the choir from the Rovel society, eighty souls in all. The meeting was greatly blessed. In Klevan they are working to load lumber from the forest.

There are many former officers of the Russian Guards there, and a great many children of quite aristocratic families, whose parents were formerly Ministers or held other important positions in Petrograd. Many of them have passed through all the hardships of the World War, and also the terrible conflict between the nobility and bolshevism. Physically, they have been obliged to perform all kinds of hard work, to which they are now becoming accustomed, forgetting their past luxuries. *They do not know their Saviour; they are in entire spiritual desolation and material want.* Many of these people have already been driven to commit suicide—several of them were cut down after they had hung themselves; and the rest are more than ready to become Communists.

The heart aches to look upon them as they scoff at sacred things in their absolute despair, because they do not know the love of God, the door to which has not yet been opened for them.

There are many such people existing along the borders of the present Soviet Russia, who do not care to understand that love, that boundless love of God, which seeks to draw them back to Himself even in the present hour, and in the fullness of young hearts which are growing old in the wearing away of their woe.

But nevertheless there are hearts even there which are ready to listen to the voice of God. We have planted and watered, but God gave the increase. I Cor. 3:6.

At the meeting there were gathered together brethren who had come from a distance of twenty versts out in the surrounding country, and many owners of country houses were present. The Lord blessed us wonderfully: we had great joy, and there were conversions.

Pray that the Lord may send us strength for our work among this mixed population in Volhynia, according to the needs which we are called upon to meet from day to day. With the love of Christ, your brother,

V. KAMENUK.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE IN ROVNO

With Brother Mankovsky, I visited the village of Dobruzhok, in the Liubmensky district. There were many brethren from nearby villages at the meetings. We held several meetings, and by invitation we also went to another neighboring village. A great many people were gathered together for the meeting, and especially when they heard that a traveling evangelist would speak. They heard the word of God with great attention. *They have no understand-*

ing of the Gospel. They know that the Bible is the book of God, to which it is necessary to give heed; but as to what is written there the great majority of them are entirely ignorant. One marvels that the Greek Orthodox authorities, having such great power, kept and still keep villages of such people without any instruction. They are truly as sheep not having a shepherd, following every one his own way.

Hearing the Word of God, many hearts were touched, and several gave themselves to the Lord, promising to serve Him. We had with us several Bibles and Gospels, which we willingly gave to members of the congregation. The separate Gospels we distributed free.

We preached the word of God and gave instruction to the people of other towns in the Liubmensky district, where the Evangelical movement has only just begun. Here the Lord enabled us to fulfill His commandment. Disregarding the presence, at one side of our congregation, of certain Greek Orthodox persons who were in great spiritual darkness, Brother Mankovsky triumphantly performed the rite of baptism, and several souls were there united to the Church of Christ. We also held the communion service, and officiated at a wedding. It was necessary to conduct both these services under the open sky, as the village houses are small, and have very little windows. The people who came did not mind when the service was prolonged for two or three hours; disregarding the inconvenience of the place, all went well.

Having ended our little journey, we returned home, thanking God for the blessing which He had given us.

In the month of May I visited two cities and eight settlements. At meetings I delivered 19 sermons. I talked with 24 individual unbelievers and 7 believers.

With hearty brotherly greetings, your least brother in Christ,

IGNATIUS YAROTZKY.

WORK DONE BY THE SECRETARY.

Zdolbunovo, Volhynia, Poland, June 2.

Dear Friends:

It is the wish of my heart to share with you, who equally love the Lord and His work, my joy and blessing, which the Lord gave me the opportunity of experiencing during the month of May, this year.

From the 1st to the 13th I worked in my local society at Zdolbunovo and vicinity, where we had several called meetings, gatherings for the purpose of instruction, and prayer-meetings.

From the 14th to the 22nd I journeyed, for the purpose of preaching, into the Vladimir-Volhynia district, with another brother from among the evangelists. Here we had 7 called meetings, 4 meetings for instruction, 4 communion services, 3 prayer meetings, and in four different places we baptized 74 souls in all. The meetings were conducted with great joy and fervor. Many souls heard the Word of God with the greatest eagerness, and even with tears in their eyes. Everywhere we realized the abundant blessing of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

At one of these blessed meetings, so many people were gathered together that there was no longer room for them to stand, and they even crowded about the windows to look in. There were several members of the intelligentsia (the educated classes) there, and the Lord helped us wonderfully, so that after the close of the prayer meeting several of the intelligentsia who were present asked a great many questions, to which the Lord wonderfully helped us give an answer in accordance with His Holy Word.

A VISIT FROM THE POLICE

But Satan also was not slumbering; he wished to tempt those who had attended the meeting by means of several people who had given themselves to the Lord, but still seemed feeble. We were unaware of the presence of the government, represented by two policemen, who came upon us very suddenly, demanded our documents and tore them up, detained us, and took us to the police station, which stood about 3 versts from our place of meeting, where we arrived safely and spent a short time awaiting an interview with the High Commander of the police station. We were examined by him and allowed to go. The High Commander treated us very nicely.

During the time when we were with the police officers, we had an opportunity to testify to them of Christ—how this was the will of God for us, that they also might have an opportunity to hear of the love and mercy of God, that His Name might be glorified through all.

During the remainder of May I was again in the local Society, where the Lord enabled me to work for His glory.

In concluding, I beg you, dear brethren and sisters far away across the ocean in the land of America, to pray that the work of God with us also may be blessed, and that many souls may find rest in the arms of Jesus. Your brother in Christ,

M. NICZYPORUK.

Asks Prayers that Gifts may Grow.

Enclosed is a gift for the starving ones in Russia. It makes my heart ache to see so much sin in the world where there is so much which the people here in this country could do, but some won't give a penny for a cause like this. Pray for our family, that we may do more.

Settling with "Broken-Down Christendom".

Notice Posted by the Communists at the Evangelistic Services of Pastor Monsky in Austria.

How God can use His enemies to bring their misled victims under the Word was plainly seen a few weeks ago in Koenigsberg. Pastor Monsky, General Secretary of the EVANGELICAL SOCIETY in Austria, had announced his coming lectures on topics like: "Can the working man of today still believe in Jesus Christ?" "Is there a living God?" and "Does the modern man need the Bible?"

PASTOR MONSKY, OF AUSTRIA.

Christians of all denominations had joined hands in preparing the campaign and hundreds of God's children in Central Europe and America were praying for victory.

The work in Koenigsberg is going on in various places of the town, outdoor meetings are held, Bible lessons given. The people respond wonderfully and God is blessing. Many who had first been touched by the message during the meetings are led deeper into the truth and are finding their way to the Cross.

At the evening of the first lecture the largest hall of the city was filled to the last place and so it was on the following evenings. The newspapers said: "The interest in General Secretary Monsky's lectures is growing from day to day; the hall is too small, the crowd is standing out through all the doors into the street."

When Pastor Monsky came to the place the first thing that greeted him was a large, red poster on the street corner that read as follows:

> "All Communists, Socialists, Workingmen and employees are requested to appear as a body at the lectures of General Secretary Monsky, of Vienna, to settle for once and all the religious question with the representatives of the downbroken Christendom."
>
> THE LEADERS OF THE COMMUNISTS AND FREETHINKERS UNION

Many antagonists got up to speak against God, but could not do any harm, for the power of God was present. The meetings lasted from half past seven until after midnight, and these people who had been called together by their leader to "settle the question," listened with much eagerness and hunger to the Word of God, which they had never heard, or which they had forgotten during the many years of strife and misery. When Pastor Monsky preached at the market place the large space was filled with people and there was not a sound to be heard, so eager they were to hear the message, and so hungry for the Bread of Life.

Had these people not been told to come as a body, no doubt there would not have been so many to hear the Word, but God is almighty and wonderful. What the ignorant and wicked leaders meant to harm the poor, hungry people, He turned into a blessing for them.

Who would help in this great and urgent work? It costs at present about $800 to carry it on for one month all through Austria, but it is growing from week to week and there are no meeting halls to gather the people regularly. There must be more workers to carry on the work and means to bring a piece of bread to the starving at the same time with the Living Bread for the soul.

ONLY BIBLE SCHOOL IN AUSTRIA.

Just one year ago the first Bible School in Austria was founded and it is already too

small to hold all the students who want to enroll in the Fall.

Mr. E. Phildius, of Switzerland, was inspired to found this Bible School with the purpose to evangelize Southeastern Europe, and the Balkans, by Mr. Wilder, Secretary of the STUDENTS' VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT in New York, who held lectures in all the Universities of Austria and with whom Mr. Phildius traveled in Southeastern Europe during the years 1911-1914. Then the war broke out and there was nothing to be done, but last year with the Lord's help and blessing the matter was taken up again, the building was bought and the School was opened. It is supported half by Switzerland and half by Scotland and it costs about 30,000 Swiss francs to run it for one year.

The chief aim of the School is to train good and powerful evangelists, to testify for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The course takes two years. Students of all parts and countries of Southeastern Europe are accepted.

To get wholesome exercise and to lessen the cost of living, they go out to work at the farms during their free hours. The School is not only an institution for study, but chiefly also a place to come apart from the world to pray and meditate, and so to get in closer contact with God and to be fitted out more deeply for His service.

The Bible School is situated at St. Andrae, a small village near Villach, close to the border of Jugoslavia, at the foot of the rock bearing the ruins of the Castle of Landskron, which played an important part in the history of the Reformation. It was in this castle that the first Slovene Bible was printed in about 1550 and from there it was taken out into the peasantry by the nobles. As a result of such labor, as well as of preaching the Gospel, the whole of Corinthia and a large part of Carniola became protestant. The Corinthian noblemen, however, looked further than to their own territories and had taken up the plan of carrying out the Gospel into the neighboring Balkan states, that were at that time under the Turks' yoke. The counter-reformation, with its inquisition and the expulsion of the protestant gentry by the Jesuits, made it impossible to complete this work. Nevertheless, many of the peasants courageously maintained their faith through 170 years of persecution. The Bibles were hidden away in the walls and worship continued to be held in secret. One peasant, before his execution, said: "You may kill me, but after my death the Gospel will yet blossom in Corinthia as the cherry tree in Spring."

Funds for the support of this Bible School and also to aid Pastor Monsky and the EVANGELICAL SOCIETY in Austria will be gladly received and forwarded. Be sure to specify "For Work in Austria" when sending gifts for this work.

PASTOR MONSKY ADDRESSING OPEN-AIR MEETING

Crowds Assembled to Witness Communist Attempt to Break Up Evangelistic Services

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A Blue Pencil Mark Here or the Enclosure of a Subscription Blank Means That a Renewal of Your Subscription is Solicited.

Have you sent in fifty cents for a subscription to THE RUSSIAN HARVEST FIELD? We cannot deduct the fifty cents from money given for relief or other purposes. Use the gift blank on page 18. Stamps accepted gladly.

THE RUSSIA EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY is especially grateful to those good friends who voice their appreciation of its work by introducing it to the circle of their acquaintances. Over 3,500 carefully chosen names have recently been added to our mail list by these friends, in addition to the continuous personal recommendation of the Society and its work.

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A sensible way to decide what missionary societies at home and abroad are worthy to be selected as stewards of the Lord's money is to read the annual financial reports and thus discover whether the allowable small percentage of gifts is used to support the home office or if the overhead cost is running up to 60 to 80 per cent. of the money the society receives. The auditor's report will give you the information and enable you to wisely distribute the money of which God has made you the steward. Of course, no gifts should be made through organizations which fail to account for the funds entrusted to them.

THE RUSSIAN HARVEST FIELD reaches many missionaries in other harvest fields, often as the gift of a friend. Frequently these missionaries are led to pray for the spread of the Gospel in Russia, a great encouragement to those workers who have been placed in this country of great need.

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If this is the first time you have received THE RUSSIAN HARVEST FIELD we ask you to read it as though a friend placed it in your hand and said: *"This ought to interest you."* We make this suggestion because it is quite certain one of your personal friends asked us to send the magazine to you.

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Missionaries and Bibles are the greatest need in Russia today. There is no need to send anyone from America to preach Christ to the Russian people. All that is required is to support some of the qualified native Christians who know the language and whose expenses are far less than Americans can work for. An ocean steamship fare will carry a native worker for six months.

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L. O. Hartman, Boston, editor of LION'S HERALD, has this to say of his interview with Tchicherin and other leaders as to the Soviet Government's attitude toward religion: "We were assured that the constitutional provision granting religious freedom was in full force, and that there would be no opposition whatever to the worship of God, except where it was used as a cloak to cover counter-revolutionary efforts."

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THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS sent to 120 Hebrew Christians a questionnaire concerning the best method of approach to the Jews. Ninety-eight per cent. of those who replied had been led to listen to Christian truth through the kindly interest or sympathy of some individual Christian. The conclusion is obvious. The Jews have suffered so much on all sides that kindness and sympathy win where other methods might bring resistance.

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On August 1st the NATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTE removed from its old location at 214 West 35th St., New York City, to five of its houses, 330 to 338 West 55th St., which will be occupied for general headquarters and resident school purposes. On the site of the remaining five houses, 340 to 348 West 55th St., a thirteen-story fireproof building for the Institute, with a street frontage of 100 feet, is to be erected. Construction work will probably be begun about October 1st. The NATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTE has a splendid record in the training of missionaries and evangelists and richly deserves this new building.

The Lord's Coming and the Lord's Land.

In Isaiah's "burdens" there are three very remarkable passages which seem to be in the process of fulfillment. A free paraphrase of the Burden of Damascus would read: "Thou hast forgotten Jehovah thy God, thou hast sought to restore the fertility of the desolated land; thou hast even imported foreign vines for thy vintage of wine; for the time thy colonies seem to prosper; but the harvest will flee away in the day of wrath and desperate sorrow" (Isa. 17:10-11). Strangely enough, the vineyards in the Jewish colonies are planted with French and German vines. If this is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, the day of Jacob's trouble is nigh at hand.

Send to the JEWISH MISSIONARY MAGAZINE, 2654 Marion Ave., New York City, for their July magazine if you are interested in the evident fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies concerning "the highway out of Egypt to Assyria" and the "Burden of Dumah." To any one interested in the Lord's coming, the Lord's people and the Lord's land, we suggest sending a dollar for a year's subscription to the JEWISH MISSIONARY MAGAZINE.

The Words Thou Gavest Me.

We think of Russia as mostly chaos and darkness. Yet perhaps no where else are the people as hungry for light and truth.

The Russian people have been brought by suffering to know their great need.

Have you made any effort to provide the Gospel for these hungry ones. Christ said: "For I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest me."—John 17:8. Can you say this?

If you cannot go, you can send a substitute. Let Bibles and missionaries work for you. "The entrance of thy words giveth light."—Ps. 119:130. Bibles and Testaments cost 25c up and we can support missionaries who now have little to eat or to wear. It is better to support them while they preach the Gospel than to let them go naked and starve.

Even $10 a month will enable a suffering Christian worker to put all his time in spreading the Gospel. Mark your gift: "Missionaries for Russia" or "Bibles for Russia." Add 10 per cent. for expenses, and 50c for THE RUSSIAN HARVEST FIELD for a year. Keep in close touch with the work and you will find many things to pray for and talk to your friends about.

If your gift is for a special division of the work, and you desire it all used for that purpose, please add ten per cent. for expenses, and we suggest an additional fifty cents for THE RUSSIAN HARVEST FIELD to keep you in touch with the work for a year.

Letters from a Volhynia Worker.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

It is the desire of my heart to tell you of the blessings and the joy which have come upon me, the Lord's unworthy servant, during these months. Besides the city Lutzka, which is my home at present, I have visited several cities and three villages. By the grace of God, I have had 38 called meetings, 12 meetings of instruction for believers and have visited many families, both of believers and unbelievers. I ask you to pray for me, that the Lord may give me strength and ability to gather in the harvest in His holy vineyard. With love, your brother in Christ,

IVAN MANKOVSKY.

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An Appeal out of Russia.

TRANSLATION FROM A RUSSIAN LETTER TO THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Heartiest greetings to all my brethren and sisters in America from Minolivech Bomekoff, of Vallin, with blessings of God and with best wishes for your health and strength. (John I, Chap. 4, 21 verse, which says, "And this commandment have we from Him, that he who loveth God loveth his brother also." And God said (St. John 14:15): "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

Dear brethren and sisters in America, I live in the hope of Jesus Christ, in the village of Mottava. We came from Yakataren, Slav State, in 1918. I myself was born in Mottava and my helper I brought from Yakataren, Slav State. Her name is S. Federofni. When we lived in Yakataren we were Evangelical Christians. We conducted meetings.

One day we attended a religious gathering and after we were seated I watched the brothers and sisters singing hymns which I heard for the first time. Then the brothers spoke and read. When they read from the Gospel they kept staring at me but I was unable to lift up my eyes. It seemed that I was the greatest sinner in God's domain. Then after they began reading the first verse, "Why are you men unfortunate in being so far removed from God," my flesh turned hard as wood and I began to cry. God awakened my heart. Then my helper and I went to a meeting to hear God's Word.

Two months later, when the fugitives began to return to their home lands, we also returned to Vallin. When I arrived home my parents welcomed me with open arms and then when we began to sing the praise of God they listened, but when they saw that we were praying to God on bended knees they became dissatisfied and drove us from home. We left the village but they asked us to return after they discovered that there was nobody to work the land. So we returned.

When the time came for me to read God's Word they left the house. People would gather in the streets and say, "*Let us take him outside the village and shoot him dead.*" Christ said (St. John 15:20): "Remember the word that I said unto you, the servant is not greater than his Lord. If they have persecuted me they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying they will keep yours also." I accepted the second belief in the year 1921 in Sudavar district. From my brother Alexis I received the belief in Christ.

Dear brothers and sisters in America, pray to God for you and for us, that Jesus Christ shall keep us holy under His holy name from the world. Dear brothers, I want to acquaint you that in my village I have many children who are converted to God and Light. Many brethren came here and held meetings, but none of them were willing to serve God. Dear brothers and sisters, in one of our villages called Nante, Gallicia, was a turmoil over the Word of God. The priest who took our confessions had his windows broken and another brother had his windows broken. The police forbade the holding of further meetings.

Dear brothers and sisters, in the holy name of Christ I beg of you as Christians do not forget my plea and send me journals, and if it is possible also send a Pocket Bible.

From your brother,

MICHIEL BOMEKOFF,
Wolyn Guberner.

Daily Vacation Bible School Needed.

Philippople, Bulgaria, May 16.

My dear Brethren:

We have examined the entire contents of the manuscripts about DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, and I am ready to report as to whether the idea is practical for Bulgaria.

My answer is positive. The idea is not only practical for Bulgaria but imperative. During the public school vacation we see all children idle and neglected on the streets, where they can learn only bad things. The home, the school and the church care very little for them.

I have no doubt that the DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will prove as helpful to the Bulgarian children as it has in America and in other countries.

As to the securing of teachers and buildings, I think we shall not have any difficulty. But the only great hindrance to the cause will be the lack of funds. The parents of the children may contribute some help toward the expenses, but the large part of the support must come from outside.

We have teachers—women and men—at hand, who are specialists just for similar schools, and we can start VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS in Bulgaria even this summer, if only there are friends and supporters who are willing to contribute to the special fund which we are going to raise. Those interested in this work for God and for the children in Bulgaria are specially asked to pray that this need may be met.

One can hardly estimate the value and blessing which this DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will prove to the children in this part of the old world.

I very earnestly commend it to your prayerful assistance.

Faithfully and prayerfully,
Yours in Him,
PAUL L. MISHKOFF.

From Riches to Poverty.

By F. A. MacKenzie

Correspondent of The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin and Chicago Daily News.

(This is the sixth of Mr. Mackenzie's series of special despatches on present-day conditions in Russia.)

Moscow, July 28.—The Church in Russia has been reduced from great riches to great poverty. Ten years ago the income of the Orthodox Church alone was $70,000,000 a year. Its leaders had the position and income of great princes.

This is all gone. All churches and church buildings are now the propery of the state. Church buildings are being transformed for secular purposes. Town monasteries and nunneries are being turned into workers' dwellings. Many churches are being declared unnecessary and transformed into workers' clubs and social centres.

The former Archbishop of Moscow lived in great state in a great palace. The present Archbishop lives in a tiny apartment on the third floor of a house in a poor, noisy street with a drug store underneath him.

The Monks of Alexander Nevski Lavra, formerly one of the richest monasteries in Russia, live on bread and water and wear their last remaining garments, which are rapidly becoming rags. One sees old priests as beggars, cab drivers and street sellers.

There is constant official and semi-official pressure among the workers against religion. No person who practices religion in any form can be a member of the Communist party.

Active propagandist campaigns largely organized by young Communists and semi-official bodies constantly proceed. These take the form of campaigns in the factories. They are run with the zeal of a "Billy" Sunday revival, only they are against and not for faith.

The most notable example of anti-religious literature is a newspaper called the Atheist. It is illustrated with striking cartoons drawn with great, if crude, artistic power.

God's Challenge to Intercession.

God's resources are not exhausted. That worldliness has all but engulfed the professing church; that an evolutionary philosophy has swept like a devastating flood through our colleges and universities; that twenty millions or more children are said to be growing up in America with practically no religious instruction; that a large part of the true Church of Christ has turned its back to the enemy in cowardly, despairing defeat—these things do not constitute a situation too hard for God! Rather they constitute the mightiest call to *simultaneous prayer* ever sent forth to the members of the body of Christ. *They are God's challenge to intercession!*

Let Gideon's hosts return home, but let God's handful remain, *and the victory is won*—not by human might nor by power, not by human means nor by calls to prayer, but solely "by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts"; that *God,* and *God alone,* may receive *all* the glory. (Isa. 42:8).

Pray *against* the world-wide apostasy of the professing church. (Eph. 6:12; 2 Thess. 2:7). Pray *for* the world-wide revival of the true Church. (Eph. 3:14-21; Rev. 3:18-22.) Yes, *pray for revival!*

"If we look out on the fields, the most ardent and hopeful heart comes back from the vision utterly discouraged, as we look at the need and the apparent resources. A view of the heathen field, and the result of even one hundred years of missions, while it has many gleams of encouragement, is, upon the whole, heart breaking. Two millions of souls have been saved from heathenism, but *two hundred* millions more of heathen are to be found in the world today than a century ago! Our own little circle absorbs our interest."—Bishop A. B. Simpson.

Oh, the need of a world-wide vision covering both the Church and the world; and the need of prayer for both—for revival of the former and for evangelization of the latter! May God, and not man, put His burden upon *all* our hearts, and cause *every missionary leader* to be "an example of the believers" in these *supremely essential things.* Yours in His glorious and all-prevailing name,

Great Commission Prayer League.

Locusts Destroy New Crops.

Kazan, July 9, 1923

Paxton Hibben,
1 Madison Ave.
New York City.

We express our deep gratitude for your help to the children of the Tartar Republic. Owing to this help, the life of many thousands of children who might have perished from famine was saved. The situation of the Tartar Republic, after this hard year of famine and while its consequences are still sorely felt, demands from us hard and persistent work in the interests of the orphans. There arises a new complication in the shape of the locusts, which appear in great quantities, threatening to destroy our new crops. Thanking you again in the name of thousands of children we request that your assistance should not be withdrawn till the complete reconstruction of our economic life.

Asaneyeff,
President of the Children's Committee.

Finnish Mission Reports.

Helsingfors, Finland, May 10, 1923.

Dear brethren in the Lord:

I greet you in the name of our Saviour Jesus. I received your letter of April 19, with the enclosure. I send you my sincere gratitude for your brotherly thoughtfulness concerning me. A few words concerning a series of meetings, which I have just held at various places in Finland.

Viborg.—An unusual called meeting, and a very concentrated Bible hour were passed, in the presence of the Lord.

Perkjarvi.—An edifying meeting. The people prayed fervently to the Lord.

Mustamyaki.—An edifying called meeting. The people were gathered in numbers considerably larger than usual. This increase in numbers is undoubtedly aided by their desire to have us sell their work. The people were very attentive to the Word.

Tursevo.—A wonderful little place. Here I preached for a long time at the railway station itself. The people came and listened, but the fruit was very slight. A large portion of the audience consisted of people who attend the meetings simply from custom.

Terioki.—Here there has appeared a definite fruit for the Lord, though it still is in need of careful tending. Satan has been stirred up. The Orthodox priest and his followers have once more opened up a severe attack upon us. With bitterness he threatens to anathematize those who attend the meetings. He has frightened several of them. One organization here distributes food to the poor. This also comes under the displeasure of the priest. He threatens to deprive the poor people of their food. Because of this, another part of the people have drawn all the closer to us. The Orthodoxes are especially taking repressive measures against our Labor Relief.

Helsingfors.—The meetings are going on well. The social life has been greatly bettered. During the year our meetings have decreased in numbers, which is not unusual; but we realize that for a great many our meetings have become as indispensable as life itself.

Raivola—A New Evangelization Station.—This place is inhabited by Russian laborers and peasants. This is an especial Russian colony in Finland—already one hundred people, in less than a year. The people here are very much corrupted. Up to this time we have had no chance to work in this place. There were also other hindrances to be taken into consideration. Now the Lord has given us opportunity to work in this place. We know beforehand that we will meet here the very strongest opposition, but with the help of God we will begin here an attack upon the forces of hell, in the name of the Lord.

Concerning all our work in Finland, in general, I must say that it is slowly but surely going forward. With our brotherly fellow-workers we have regular meetings everywhere, systematically.

We are not able to boast, but in general, for sincere spiritual work, they show a great deal of interest. We had in the beginning crowds which expressed their fervent sympathy, as a mass. This was even in our ice-covered land, but from these crowds there are now very few left on whom we can depend. There is need for patience and work. And we are working. I am more and more convinced of the Russian peasant wisdom, which says, "The slower you go, the farther you travel," or the German maxim, "Hurry as slow as you can."

Support and perseverance are very important in the Lord's work. We try to bear this in mind while working with our little groups.

At times we have a large crowd, drawn by something extraordinary in the meeting. Of course, this is satisfying to us, but we do not consider it of very great consequence.

Our Labor Union is active. The people are working well. They are very grateful. The trade is going on, although quietly. We are preparing a small shipment of goods to send to you in America. I am rejoiced by your living interest in this good work. I will try to invest your capital in ready-made articles with the greatest prudence, trying to realize as much from it as I possibly can.

In a few days I go on my mission again. Brother I. S. Prokhanoff is still in prison. *Help, and help still more, the All-Russian Union of Evangelical Christians.* May the Lord bless you abundantly. Entirely yours with my whole heart,

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Helsingfors, Finland, May 31, 1923.

To the Executive Committee,
RUSSIA EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY.

Dear Brethren in the Lord:

I received your letter of April 27. Although the question which I raised concerning Esthonia and Latvia has not been favorably decided by you, still I am experiencing great satisfaction, because you are trying to settle this and other questions with such great care. Let us wait God's clear direction and his help.

My correspondence with Brother I. S. Prokhanoff has not been entirely cut off. The meetings of the Evangelical Union in Russia are going on in a normal way. I have authoritative information that Brother I. S. Prokhanoff will probably be released from prison before long. This will coincide with the conclusion of the All-Russian Orthodox Council, which, because of the prison, has been isolated from I. S. Prokhanoff.

Dear brethren, *support the All-Russian Union of Evangelical Christians with all your power.*

Now I will write you something concerning my own work. The Labor Union is going on well. The articles are being prepared by the fugitives, who are making noticeable progress.

The City Magistrate has allowed us to have a store for the purpose of trade in the center of the city. We are now preparing to organize our trade. It is not so simple to make all the arrangements with the people, and prepare for the opening of the store.

I am afraid to promise you good results, but there is hope that by special advertising we may attract the public attention to our trade and may hold our own, with our well-made and reasonably priced wares, among the competitors in the city. The proper arrangement of the wares for distribution is not going on with us so very fast.

There is one wonderful result in this, that we, without having lost our capital, a part of which is in trade and ready-made wares, have already given to the fugitives who attend our meetings for the work they have done about six thousand Finnish marks. In this manner this is a great help and support to the poor people. And what is still more important, this constitutes wages paid them for work, and not mere almsgiving to the poor.

When one sees the great help which our Labor Union is bringing to those who earnestly desired work and had none, even at the very beginning of its work, then, indeed, one feels led to put up with all these difficulties and continue this strange "commerce" of ours. The other organizations which compete with the Labor Union are coming to realize that, although we have not set out with any great pomp and splendor, such as may be expected of worldly organizations, nevertheless we are going on quietly, but conducting the work of our Labor Union on absolutely Christian standards.

I have recently returned from an Evangelization journey, which occupied me for two weeks without cessation. During that time the Lord permitted us to have about twenty meetings in seven different places. The Lord is drawing near to the souls who have newly dedicated themselves to Him. Several of our adversaries seem to be ceasing their hostilities. Glory to God. The believers have received good spiritual food, which will urge their souls to go forward.

There was one meeting in Viborg, when we celebrated the breaking of bread, when several people felt as if they were in Paradise. The Lord was very close to us. The people bore definite witness concerning this.

There were called meetings, Bible hours and some arranged especially to give the believers definite opportunity for giving praise. The Lord constantly permits us to testify to His Truth in all these places to 150 or 200 people. The unpleasantness and difficulty of work for these people lies in the fact that they are scattered over such a large territory. If we had them together in one or two places, then all would be well.

We have now opened a new Evangelization station, Raivola. Before we came there the Orthodox priest frightened the people with his terrible sermons. At one time there were 25 listeners, at a second time there were 35. The first two meetings were unusual. If we can get as many as ten or fifteen regular attendants here, then we will begin holding meetings here steadily.

My brotherly fellow workers have been holding meetings in several places during my absence. From the amount I received from you, which is insufficient for the needs of the present important time, I have, apart from all the expenses of the work, maintained these brethren for four months in their places, though in a very slight degree.

During my recent journey, we had some dear brother fellow-preachers with us for the last four days; the Englishman Liez and the Swede Johannson. I thank the Lord for these brethren. With them we had very living and uplifting meetings. The brethren were glad to see our little living meetings. Besides, in Viborg and Helsingfors the proportion of Russians among those who attend our meetings is not as small as formerly. Our Helsingfors meeting usually has from twenty-five to thirty men, but at the last two meetings the Lord helped us to fill our small mission hall, and we had fifty to eighty men.

I can give you the general character of our Evanglization work in Finland by turning your attention to the wearying succession of our victories, joys, sorrows and temptations.

My heart is continually with you, dear brethren. I am praying for you. May our beloved Christ be continually near you. Given to you with all my heart. Your least fellow-worker in the Lord, A. DOBRININ.

ORTHODOX SCHOOL ACCEPTS GOSPELS.

Administration of the Kellomyaki Russian Parish (Greek Orthodox) Sovmestny-Realny School, Kellomyaki, July 20, 1923.

Highly honored Alexander Vladimirovich:

The Administration of the Kellomyaki Russian Realny School, by a unanimous vote on the eighth of this month, wishes to express its gratitude to you for sending us, without charges, ten copies of the Gospels for the use of our School. With sincere regard, President of the Administration,

E. Nov.

Startling Changes in Russia.

Writing in THE MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD, L. O. Hartman, of Boston, Mass., having attended the "All-Russian Council" of the Greek Orthodox Church, held in Moscow, in May, thus summarizes the results attained:

"It is to be hoped that the actions taken by the ORTHODOX CHURCH COUNCIL will mark the beginning of a great reformation in the religious life of Russia. It succeeded largely in purging the organization of the counter-revolutionary elements within its ranks (Patriarch Tikkon, supposed to have favored the Karlowitz Monarchist group, is now the layman "Basil Baliavin"), and the American principle of separation of Church and State has been espoused. It repudiated the old time-serving, autocratic ideas of religion. It reorganized its priesthood in such a way as to emphasize, as it has never done before, the sanctity of marriage, and permits even the "black clergy" to marry—a severe blow to those who predicted union between the Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches. The Council also struck a blow against superstition in its action against the veneration of relics. It changed its calendar to conform to the western ways of measuring time (wiping out the thirteen days' difference). Last but not least, it stretched forth its hands in fellowship to western churches. Mr. Hartman believes these accomplishments "may have far-reaching influence and may forecast the coming of a world-wide Christian unity."

It is noticeable that Vedensky, the dean of the Churches of Saint Zacharias and Saint Elizabeth ("one of the ablest men in Russia today") voiced in a long address the attitude of the reform element against the old Czarist Church and pointed out the path which must be followed if the work of Christ is to go forward in Russia.

"Turn away," he cried, "from the Church of Tikhon and back to the religion of Christ." Even in the ritual, Vedensky pointed out, the name of the Czar appeared in capital letters, while that of Jesus Christ was printed in small type. The Patriarch was designated in the old liturgy as "Most Holy Patriarch," while Christ Himself was addressed only as "Holy Christ." In a word, declared Vedensky, the Czar had become the end and the Church the means in the period before the revolution of 1917.

A very striking statement made by Mr. Hartman is that the Council's attitude toward the Government was in general one of loyalty, but that *decided exception was taken to the atheism of the Soviet leaders.*

The total number of priests in the Orthodox church is given as about 50,000. Before the war the annual budget was equal to $250,000,000, one-third of which was contributed by the Government and the rest from endowments, estates, offerings and *the profits of the candle factories.* Today there is practically no income, except from the offerings of the people.

There is only one institution for the training of Christian workers—a night school in Petrograd—where 212 students, men and women, are enrolled. This year's class will have 23, 12 of whom are women. The professors are all volunteers, but in the newly planned "correspondence school" for ministerial training (for which Bishop Blake of the American Methodist-Episcopal Church promised $50,000 in three years) the teachers will receive $25 per month. For over five years no candidates for the priesthood have been graduated, although it is estimated that 3,500 new recruits are needed annually if the Greek Orthodox churches are to be adequately manned.

Appeals for Bibles.

Berko, Bulgaria.

Beloved pastor in Christ:

Living in exile, and having no funds with which to buy a Bible, I am in great need of one. I ask you, if it is possible, to send me a Bible. May the Lord bless you and all the brethren and sisters of your Society. I remain, yours in peace,

ARTAM RITINOV.

Berkovitza, Bulgaria.

Beloved in Christ:

I am an old fugitive and an invalid, and am now living in the invalid house, in poverty and helplessness, and I have no money; therefore I address my petition to you. It is my great wish and longing to read the Word of God, through which the Lord has revealed the way of Salvation for every man who sincerely comes to Him. My petition to you is, that if possible you will send me a Bible free. This would be a precious gift to me. I will be very grateful. With sincere regard to you,

A. SAVOSTIANOV.

Glad of Opportunity to Give.

Was very glad indeed to receive your good letter, and feel honored that the Lord has counted me worthy, and that He led some one to send you my name. Knowing that this work is strictly evangelical and has His approval, I am enclosing money order which you shall use for buying Bibles. God bless this work abundantly, and you His faithful servants.

Every 25c Testament and every 50c Bible you buy for distribution in Russia, Bulgaria, Finland or Volhynia means the placing of a permanent substitute in the mission fields. *The entrance of Thy words giveth light.* Ps. 119:130.

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8425.. 1.00	8426..25.00	8427..10.00	8428..10.00
8429.. 5.00	8432.. 5.00	8434.. 3.00	8436..25.00
8439.. 6.00	8440..10.00	8441.. .50	8445.. 5.00
8447..34.25	8454.. 6.00	8455.. 2.50	8456..10.00
8460.. 2.00	8461.. 5.00	8463..10.00	8464.. 5.00
8467.. 1.00	8469..10.50	8470..10.00	8473.. .50
8480.. 5.00	8482..10.00	8483.. 7.50	8484.. 1.00
8485.. 5.00	8498.. 2.00	8500..25.00	8501.. 1.00
8502.. 1.00	8503.. 1.07	8504..10.00	8505..10.00
8507.. 5.00	8511..16.74	8512..10.00	8514.. 5.00
8517.. 5.50	8518..10.00	8520.. 1.00	8522.. 5.00
8523.. 4.00	8525.. 5.00	8526..10.00	8528.. 5.50
8529.. 5.50	8531..10.00	8540.. 5.00	8541.. 5.00
8542..15.00	8546.. 5.00	8547.. 1.00	8548.. 4.50
8549..10.00	8552.. 7.29	8553.. 1.00	8559.. 3.00
8561..50.00	8564..10.00	8566..50.00	8568.. 6.00
8570.. 5.00	Total. ..		$1491.49

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8188..$ .50	8189..$ .50	8190..$ .50	8193..$ .50
8208.. .50	8210.. .50	8217.. .50	8222.. .50
8223.. .50	8237.. .50	8240.. .50	8244.. .50
8247.. .50	8288.. .50	8289.. 1.00	8295.. .50
8305.. .50	8310.. 1.00	8323.. .50	8328.. .50
8333.. .50	8343.. .50	8366.. .50	8376.. .50
8378.. 1.00	8383.. .50	8388.. .50	8394.. .50
8399.. .50	8413.. .50	8414.. .50	8422.. 1.00
8431.. .50	8438.. 1.50	8441.. .50	8446.. .50
8448.. .50	8449.. .50	8450.. .50	8451.. .50
8452.. .50	8466.. .50	8469.. .50	8473.. .50
8486.. 2.60	8513.. 1.00	8517.. .50	8528.. .50
8529.. .50	8545.. .50	8546.. .50	8548.. .50
Total. ..		..	$31.60

FUND TO PURCHASE BIBLES FOR FOREIGN DISTRIBUTION

8172.$10.00	8173..$1.50	8264..$1.00	8292.$10.00
8300.. 1.00	8353.. 2.00	8356..10.00	8362.. 2.00
8366.. 2.00	8377.. 1.50	8512..10.00	8535.. 1.00
Total.			$52.00

8254..Special Scripture Fund,	$10.00
8304.. " " "	20.00

AMERICAN CHRISTIAN RELIEF MISSION

8168.$10.00	8175..$5.00	8177.$10.00	8183..$3.00
8186.. 5.00	8192.. 4.00	8194.. 5.00	8198..15.00
8209.. 2.00	8216.. 1.00	8220.. 5.00	8224.. 1.00
8229.. 7.00	8230.. 5.00	8231.. 1.00	8232.. 2.00
8233.. 5.00	8235.. 2.00	8243.. 5.00	8248.. 3.00
8252.. 5.00	8261..10.00	8263..14.05	8264.. 1.00
8266.. 2.00	8267.. 2.00	8277..10.00	8284.. 5.00
8294.. 5.00	8296.. 5.00	8302..15.00	8303.. 1.00
8313.. 6.00	8318.. 5.00	8324.. 3.00	8327.. 5.00
8329.. 1.00	8332.. 5.00	8334.. 2.50	8335.. 5.00
8337..10.00	8340.. 2.00	8351.. 2.00	8353.. 6.00
8354.. 2.00	8356..10.00	8357.. 2.00	8358.. 4.00
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8369.. 2.00	8370..10.00	8384.. 5.00	8391.. 5.00
8392..25.00	8395..10.00	8397.. 5.00	8398.. 5.00
8402.. 2.00	8421..25.00	8430.. 1.00	8437.. 2.00
8438..15.00	8444..25.00	8458.. 2.00	8459..10.00
8465.. 2.20	8475..10.65	8478.. 2.00	8479..25.00
8481.. 1.00	8483.. 7.50	8488..10.00	8489.. 5.00
8491..10.00	8499..10.00	8509.. 2.00	8510.. 5.00
8511.. 2.00	8515.. 5.00	8519.. 5.00	8530.. 1.00
8534.. 2.00	8535.. 2.00	8537..15.00	8538.. 5.00
8542..10.00	8544.. 1.00	8550..10.00	8556.. 5.00
8558.. 5.00	8562..10.00	8563.. 2.00	8565.. 5.00
8567.. 1.00	8569.. 1.00	8571..25.00	8573.. 2.00
Total. ..		..	$617.90

BULGARIAN BIBLE FUND

8191..$5.00	8197.$10.00	8205..$2.00	8218.$10.00
8227..25.00	8228.. 1.00	8229.. 7.00	8241.. 2.00
8249.. 1.00	8256..10.00	8266.. 2.00	8283.. 1.00
8286..10.00	8287..10.00	8299.. 1.00	8304..20.00
8315.. 5.00	8325.. 5.00	8333.. 5.00	8334.. 2.50
8335.. 5.00	8336..10.00	8349.. 1.00	8352.. 5.00
8354.. 2.00	8372.. 5.00	8399.. 4.50	8405.. 5.00
8408..10.00	8419..15.00	8431.. 5.00	8433.. 5.00
8442.. 1.00	8453..15.00	8462.. 2.00	8466..10.00
8476.. 5.00	8497..10.00	8499..10.00	8515.. 5.00
8516..16.50	8521..20.00	8532.. 1.00	8545.. 3.00
8555.. 5.00	8556.. 5.00	8560.. 3.00	8563.. 1.00
Total. ..		..	$319.50

MISSIONARIES IN RUSSIA

8382..$8.00	8387.$25.00	8395.$15.00	8416..$5.00
8418.. 7.00	8424..10.00	8435.. 5.00	8468.. 5.00
8471.. 4.00	8472..26.00	8476.. 5.00	8508.. 5.00
8551.. 5.00	8557.. 5.00	8572..10.00	Total,140.00

SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION IN RUSSIA

8453.$15.00	8474.. 1.00	8477.. 5.00	8487.$25.00
8492.. 2.50	8493.. 2.00	8494.. 2.00	8495.. 1.00
8496.. 2.00	8506.. 2.00	8524.. 1.00	8533.. 1.00
8539..10.00	8543..25.00	8554..25.00	8557.. 5.00
Total. ..		..	$124.50

GIFTS FOR PASTOR MONSKY'S WORK IN AUSTRIA

8202.$20.00	8225.$25.00	8226..$5.00	8255..$2.00
8286..10.00	8287..10.00	8288..10.00	8295.. 5.00
8335.. 5.00	8354.. 2.00	8457.. 5.00	8490..10.00
Total. ..		..	$109.00

MISSION STATIONS OF THE BRETHREN IN VOLHYNIA

8201.$10.00	8212.$50.00	8285..$5.00	8287.$10.00	
8304..10.00	8403..10.00		Total 95.00	

FUND TO PURCHASE PLOWS FOR RUSSIAN FARMERS

8170..$1.42	8291..$6.00	Total.$7.42

GIFTS REPORTED BY CANADIAN TREASURER

5173..Fund to purchase Bibles.	$3.00
5175..Missionaries in Russia,	2.00
5179.. " " "	3.00
5180..American Christian Relief Mission,	1.50
5180.."The Russian Harvest Field,"	.50

Exodus to Russia Decreasing.

Dear Brothers in the Lord:

I have only just returned from my missionary journey. I was not able to conclude all my meetings as I had planned, for I received a hurry call from Helsingfors. Tomorrow, in Helsingfors, I must bury one of our sisters who died in the Lord.

The meetings in the Viborg district were conducted the last time with special blessings. In Viborg, Perkjarvi, Mustamyaki, Kellomyaki and Tursevo the people willingly and gladly came in groups to our meetings. The Lord gave me the abundant spiritual Word, and to the people He gave deep attentiveness. I could write you of many different people, in whom I notice a wonderful spiritual growth. Our groups are strengthened so well that if it were not possible for me to visit them they would still continue to hold meetings.

In Mustamyaki, for example, our last meeting began at nine o'clock in the evening. I closed at half-past ten, but the people kept me there until twelve o'clock at night. And after midnight several of the people still had to ride home on horseback, about eight kilometers.

One of our mechanical engineers in Tursevo, who has recently been awakened, has gathered up his strength to hold Bible meetings by himself at his home. I am very glad of this. The various tendencies toward independent activity in the different stations have given me great joy.

The Labor Union continues to interest the people very much. I will write you later on of the beginning of our trade in the market. Our trial merchandise we are sending you today by post, in two packages, about ten kilos in all. We have written the name of the sender: The Christian Labor Union for Refugees. We earnestly hope that it will be possible for you to receive this shipment without payment of duty. In my letter of June 23 I sent you a special list of the merchandise, to the amount of 3621 Finnish marks. In addition to this we are sending four embroidered end-pieces of crochet work, for the towels, at 16.90 Finnish marks apiece; in all 67.60 Finnish marks, making a total of merchandise sent you to the amount of 3688 Finnish marks.

The exodus to Russia is decreasing somewhat. The people are afraid to go there. We are also sorry to let our people go from us. Given to you in the Lord,

A. Dobrinin.

Additional Gifts Acknowledged.

Special Fund for Bulgaria Missionaries	$50.00
Wernigerode Bible School	6.00
Immigrant Fund for Bulgaria	101.00
Prokhanoff Bible School, Petrograd	5.00
Publication of Religious Books	220.00
Mrs. Steffon's prison work	10.00
For Jewish Relief	100.00
Jewish Evangelization Fund	160.00
Special Relief in Russia	22.00
Relief Work in Rumania	10.00
Total	$684.00

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Missionary Mishkoff asks for 20,000 Bibles and New Testaments to continue his evangelization work in Bulgaria. Bibles are being shipped to Russia. If you cannot go to the mission fields, send the Bible as your substitute.

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MISSIONS

The Volhynia Mission is carrying twelve missionaries, and we are only sending them $150 monthly. More Missionaries are needed in the Bulgarian Field. Austria now appeals for aid. In Finland work must be continued among the refugees. In Russia there is unlimited opportunity for missionary support.

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SCHOOLS

The Bible Schools of I. S. Prokhanoff, in Petrograd, and Rev. J. Kroeker, in Wernigerode, should receive support. Many young men are being trained for Christian leadership. $150 pays board and tuition for one year.

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EXPENSES

A small portion of your gift should be set aside for Home Office expenses and a subscription to "The Russian Harvest Field," 50c a year. Use the subscription blanks on page 18 for gifts to any of the above causes. Our ministry is limited only by the amount we receive. The field is vast and needy.

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